

APRIL 26, 2006

The North Providence School Committee met on April 26, 2006 at 6:09 p.m. in the Library at the High School. Members present were Chairman Marciano, Dr. Pallotta, Mrs. Reall, Mr. DaSilva, Mr. Cataldi, Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Martinelli. Also present was Superintendent Ottaviano and Mr. Scungio. Mr. Gerardi, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Celona and Mr. Milazzo were present for the regular session only.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to recess the regular session and go into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Litigation and Employee Inactive Status.

The meeting reconvened at 6:35 p.m. It began by saluting the flag. Next, Chairman Marciano asked for a moment of silence.

The first item on the Agenda was Correspondence. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was the Superintendent's Report. First was the AED Policy. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Policy as submitted.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the AED Policy as submitted.

Next was Field Trips. Mr. Gerardi read the list of field trips and recommended approval of the requests as submitted in accordance

with School Committee policy.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Field Trip Requests as submitted.

Next was the NRIC Classroom Rental. Discussion took place with respect to this matter. Mr. Martinelli asked if it would be possible to raise the tuition amount. Mr. Cataldi felt that the Collaborative benefits more than the School Department. Dr. Pallotta felt that the Collaborative is only authorized to pay a certain amount for tuition. Mr. Martinelli spoke about the rising costs of oil and electric and the fact that both are going through the roof.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to authorize Mr. Lynch to negotiate the lease for a period of one year for not less than \$20,500.00 as long as he feels comfortable that the classroom space is available.

Next was the State Assessment Presentation. Mr. Gerardi spoke about the results for the High School and handed out copies of the powerpoint presentation. He outlined those areas that need improvement and compared the district and state results and spoke about the steps that the district is taking to improvements.

Next was the Monthly Financial Report. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the April 26, 2006 Monthly Financial Report

as submitted.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the April 26, 2006 Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

Next on the Agenda was School Committee Reports.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that Leonardo Durango be placed on inactive status pursuant to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation as submitted. Mr. Wilkes abstained from voting on this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

Motion by Mr. Martinelli, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Donation Policy.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 3-5. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Requests to Address the Committee.

Mr. Gore and Mr. DeCellio introduced themselves and thanked the Committee for allowing them to address them on behalf of Boy Scouts Troop 5. They spoke about the organization and asked for

permission to speak to the children for 10-15 minutes during a lunch break at school. Members of the Committee asked questions regarding their request and if the troop would be made up of only North Providence children. Mr. Cataldi expressed concern with taking time out of the school day and felt that they should set up a time after school to talk about scouting. He also felt that there is a precedent being set. Dr. Pallotta asked if the scouts were promoting educational activities as part of their organization and felt that the scouts did provide an education.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to allow Boy Scouts Troop 5 access to one lunch period per year for a period of 10 to 15 minutes during lunch or after school. Mr. Cataldi voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1.

The next item on the Agenda was New Business.

First was Approval of Bids. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval for the Copy Machine Maintenance Contract and Supplies be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Advance Business Machines Inc.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Copy Machine Maintenance Contract and Supplies to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Advance Business Machines Inc.

Next was Telephone Service. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval for the telephone service to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, PATEC Communications.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Telephone Service to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, PATEC Communications.

Next was Medical Supplies. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the bid for medical supplies to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Emergency Medical.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the medical supplies to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Emergency Medical.

Next was Pupil Supplies. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the bid for pupil supplies be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Henry S. Wolkins Co.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the pupil supplies to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder,

Henry S. Wolkins Co.

Next was Copy Paper. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the bid for copy paper be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Nelson Office Products.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the copy paper to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Nelson Office Products.

Next was Attendance/Substitute Calling System. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the bid for the Attendance/Substitute Calling System be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Frontline Placement Technologies.

Motion by Mr. Cataldi, seconded by Dr. Pallotta and Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the Attendance/Substitute Calling System to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Frontline Placement Technologies.

Next was Resignations. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Resignation of Kym Hambly - Birchwood Middle School Detention Officer effective June 16, 2006.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to approve the Resignation as presented.

Next was Retirements. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Retirements with regret as follows: Christine Barbato – Teacher Assistant effective June 6, 2006; Joan Bomba – Resource Teacher effective at the end of the 2005-2006 School Year, and Barbara Muscarella – Middle School Guidance Counselor effective June 16, 2006.

Motion by Mrs. Reall, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and Mr. Wilkes and carried to approve the Retirements as presented with regret. Members of the Committee wished them the best of luck in their retirement.

Next was Appointments. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the Committee grant advice and consent to the following appointments, which were voted on as follows:

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. Cataldi and carried to grant advice and consent to the appointment of Melissa Ferrario – High School Assistant Fast Pitch Softball Coach effective April 27, 2006 – March 23, 2007 and Holly Fulgham – High School Dance Coach effective April 27, 2006. Mr. Martinelli voted nay to this motion. The motion carried by a vote of 6 to 1. Members of the Committee offered

congratulations to the appointees.

Next was Old Business. There being none, the next item on the Agenda was Use of Property Requests.

Superintendent Ottaviano recommended approval of the Use of Property Requests as submitted in the April 26, 2006 School Committee Packets.

Discussion took place with respect to charging for the Request by Mary Mother of Mankind. He felt that we need to stick to our policy. Mr. Wilkes agreed with sticking to the policy.

Motion by Mr. Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to accept the Superintendent's Recommendation for Use of Property Requests as presented. Dr. Pallotta voted nay to charging Mary Mother of Mankind for use of the Greystone gym.

Next was Approval of Bills. Superintendent Ottaviano recommended that the N.

Providence School Department List of Bills dated April 26, 2006 in the amount of \$873,700.69 be approved and paid.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried that the April 26, 2006 North Providence School Department List of Bills be approved with regret and paid.

Next was Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the March 22, 2006 Executive Session be approved as presented and kept closed in accordance with R.I.G.L. 42-46-4 and 42-46.5.

Motion by Mr. DaSilva, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried that the Minutes of the March 22, 2006 North Providence School Committee Regular Session be approved as presented.

Next was Public Comments on Agenda Items 7-12. John Precorian, on of the bidders for the copier contract, spoke about the language in the bid specs concerning authorized dealers and explained that there is only one authorized dealer, therefore, it precludes anyone else from obtaining the contract. He added that the only difference between his company and the successful bidder is that his technicians are factory trained on the equipment instead of factory authorized. It was the general consensus of the Committee that the Superintendent would look into this matter and report back to the Committee.

Next was Pending Business.

Motion by Dr. Pallotta, seconded by Mrs. Reall and carried to remove

4. Integrated Software from Pending Business.

Motion by Mr. Wilkes, seconded by Mr. DaSilva and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Wilkes